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PRESIDENT: Senator Burbach.

SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature. I have gone through the entire list of bracketed bills which are not bracketed for a date certain, trying to visit with the introducer of these various bills, I won't say all of them, but most of them. I have visited with members and I guess, evidently, we are not ready today. Tomorrow they will be open. We will have to play it as we have in the past, a hit or a miss operation.

We are now in the position to discuss bracketed bills which are not bracketed for a date certain.

While I'm here I'd like to visit with the body for a few moments. Later this afternoon or early in the morning there will be placed on your desk a calendar telling us and alerting us of what days we will be in session and what days we will not, even going so far as to determine the sine die day. I have visited with many Departments and tried to determine if there is a day that's said to be set aside for a bicentennial function that this entire body would need to participate in. I could find none.

Now then we do have two state holidays on February the 12th, which is on a Thursday, and a state holiday and also a national holiday which is Washington's Birthday on the 16th, which is on a Monday. According to the calendar, unless directed otherwise by this body, we will be in session on the 12th and not in session on the 16th, which is on a Monday. Other than that I could find no reason why we should take any days off for anything other than possibly that time necessary for an override of certain bills. However, I can assure you that I will work with this membership, as I did in the last session, to attempt to have all the bills which may be subject to a Governor's veto, have them read. If you will cooperate with me, have them read on the 24th or prior. If this is the case, we need not have a 5 day waiting period and come back for that one 60th day.

I would suggest that we proceed with this program, this calendar as such. If we do find we are in trouble, that the bills are not properly processed, we can always take one day. I would then tell you our 60th day would be the 31st day of March, with one day off and meeting five days ... a week. Our 59th day would be the 30th, then of course our ... after five days would be the 6th of April.

In visiting with many of you, you have indicated your desire that we adjust our time schedule on bills on Final Reading and have them read on the 24th, that would give us the 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th and 30th. You count Saturdays, but you don't count Sundays for those five days the Governor may have a bill. Then on the 31st we could come back and finish our business and be in position to override if this body so desires.